

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
June 9, 2015

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Jane Raybould, Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Michelle Peterson, Craig Strong and Brittany Behrens (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Joyce Jensen, Chris Schroeder, Charlotte Burke, Kathy Cook and Elaine Severe.

Ms. Halstead welcomed new Board of Health members James Michael Bowers and Jane Raybould.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the May 12, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

## III. PUBLIC SESSION

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action for Planning & Partnership) meeting that was held on May 21, 2015. The group agreed on a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. Over the next several months, staff will conduct surveys and focus groups to evaluate the strengths of our Department, prioritize health issues, and identify progress on the goals of the Community Health Improvement Plan. The next meetings are scheduled for June 25, 2015 and July 16, 2015 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM at the Health Department.

Ms. Halstead announced the Health Department will receive the Horizon Award at the Community Health Endowment Annual Awards Ceremony on June 17, 2015.

Board members should contact Ms. Severe if they would like to attend.

Ms. Halstead stated City staff are proceeding with plans to secure grants and funding to partially fund a permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility. The site should be open year round and easily accessible to the public. It is hoped a permanent site could be open in FY 2017-2018.

Ms. Amundson asked about the risk of Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Mr. Frederick responded the potential is here. He also noted staff are experiencing high numbers of mosquitos because of the recent rains, but no West Nile Virus has been detected. Board members asked whether the City would be spraying for mosquitos. Mr. Holmes responded no spraying would be done until there is a possibility of West Nile Virus and then only limited spraying would be done if it creates a public health problem. The City is prepared should the need arise.

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)\

A. Proposed Policy 205.16 – Fugitive Dust Investigation and Enforcement and Proposed Policy 205.17 – Outdoor Air Pollution Nuisance Investigation and Enforcement

Mr. Schroeder stated staff are proposing the new policies to address the steps necessary to consistently investigate and enforce air quality regulations pertaining to visible fugitive dust and air pollution nuisances. The Department receives frequent outdoor air and fugitive dust complaints. The policies are needed to establish the steps to be followed during complaint investigations, to clarify the information to be gathered and documented, and to better define the circumstances under which the Program should pursue formal enforcement against the alleged violators. Mr. Sieh and Mr. Schroeder also explained the civil penalty authority under the regulations and the difference between civil and criminal offenses.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Board of Health approve Policy 205.16– Fugitive Dust Investigation and Enforcement. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve Policy 205.17 – Outdoor Air Pollution Nuisance Investigation and Enforcement. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

#### V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. 2015 Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award

Ms. Jensen stated the Department was notified the Food Safety Program would receive the Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award. The award is a prestigious award given annually to a local environmental health department that demonstrates achievement in providing outstanding food protection services to the community. She reviewed the Program Basics, Baseline and Program Assessment,

Challenges, Objectives, Measurements and Achievements of the Department's Food Safety Program. The award will be presented at the National Association of County & City Health Officials, the National Environmental Health Association and the International Association for Food Protection Annual Meetings. Board members expressed their congratulations to the Department and staff.

B. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the 2015 Legislative Session. She provided information on the Resolutions that were referred to each Legislative Committee for Interim Studies. She stated three will be of particular interest to the Department including: 1) LR257 – How to create a sustainable and adequate stream of state funds to local health departments to ensure the departments are able to meet their core responsibilities and functions; 2) LR306 – Medicaid; and 3) L R316 – Examine Nebraska Withdrawing from the Master Settlement Agreement.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – No July Meeting

Next Meeting – August 11, 2015 – 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President